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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1867.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due from collector Davis, March 1, 1866,	\$2,674 49
Received of S. S. Davis, collector for 1865,	2,314 21
Due from S. S. Davis, March 1, 1867,	360 28
Amount committed to Cyrus G. Brown, collector for the year 1866,	10,725 88
Which is accounted for as follows :	
Paid State Treasurer,	3,405 00
County Treasurer,	1,388 06
Town Treasurer,	4,051 46
Non-resident highway receipts,	31 31
Collector's poundage,	117 26
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Amount due from the collector,	1,732 79
Whole amount of money and receipts returned by the Treasurer,	23,580 59
Whole amount paid out,	20,169 99
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Remaining in the Treasury,	\$3,410 60

RECEIPTS.

Amount remaining in treasury, March 1, 1866,	\$226 19
Received of Lizzie C. Morse, on note of town,	50 00
Marden & Elkins,	250 17
Roxanna James, on highway tax,	5 00
David Parker, cash tax for 1866,	882 59
Robert Shepard, " " "	301 33
Hannah Choat, on note of town,	95 00
Dan W. Morrill, " " "	251 10
Alice B. Chase, " " "	300 00
S. S. Davis, cash tax for 1866,	78 71
Luther Sargent, " " "	46 70
True K. Mason, " " "	49 83
J. G. & S. L. Morrill, cash tax for 1866,	89 64
M. Hoag & L. Beck, " " "	82 00
Edward & R. Chase, " " "	142 35

John Ham, cash tax for 1866,	62 45
J. L. & Jeremiah Clough, & I. K. Wells, cash tax for 1866,	77 62
S. S. Davis, summer highway tax, 1866,	9 54
Marcia E. Forrest, on note of town,	80 00
John E. Forrest, " "	137 67
Joseph E. Kimball, " "	300 00
Winthrop Y. Hill, " "	250 00
Nancy M. Hill, " "	185 00
Henry H. Clough, " "	383 00
Hazen I. Batchelder, " "	400 00
J. S. Elkins, Treas. F. W. Baptist Society,	630 00
Henry L. Clough, on note of town,	200 00
Edwin D. Clough, " "	320 00
Rufus Boynton, " "	225 00
Rachel Wyatt, " "	50 00
David Morrill, on his note,	2,061 74
Lydia Carter, on note of town,	67 00
Benmon Clark, " "	450 00
Benj. Whidden, " "	250 00
Betsey McClintock, " "	200 00
S. A. Morrill, for A. J. Bennett,	10 00
N. S. Batchelder, part of note,	18 46
James M. McClintock, on town's note,	67 00
J. Gilman, for old plank,	1 50
Jonathan Randall, on town's note,	300 00
E. P. Dyball, jr., " "	100 00
S. E. Monmouth, old highway tax,	12 44
State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	99 60
railroad tax,	99 12
State aid,	332 72
literary fund,	54 15
United States bounties,	845 00
Mary C. Tallant, on town's note,	100 00
Mary Whitney " "	425 00
Nancy Morrill, " "	150 00
highway tax of D. Morrill and others,	2 67
N. H. Dow, on town's note,	230 00
Daniel B. Sanborn, on town's note,	236 00
S. S. Davis, collector for 1865,	2,314 21
Cyrus G. Brown, collector for 1866,	8,993 09
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	\$23,580 59

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid State aid for H. Austin,	\$2 00
C. H. Fletcher, overcharge on hay,	2 00
M. Weeks, damage on sheep by dogs,	12 72
Wm. T. Wheeler, " " " "	17 36
N. Blanchard, " " " "	3 18
A. Blanchard, " " " "	3 97
L. T. Weeks, " " " "	4 77
Printing town reports,	48 00
express bill,	25
D. Parker, discount on tax,	35 30
R. Shepard, " " " "	12 05
S. S. Davis, " " " "	3 14
L. Sargent, " " " "	1 86
T. K. Mason, " " " "	1 99
J. G. Morrill, " " " "	3 58
M. B. Hoag, " " " "	3 28
E. Osgood, " " " "	4 95
" " " " on R. Chase's tax,	74
John Ham, discount on tax,	2 49
for cashing checks,	1 00
G. W. Peverley, S. S. Davis, summer highway tax,	9 54
John Lyford, over-tax in the year 1865,	2 12
Moses Sanborn, for over-tax on lumber,	1 60
Sarah E. Monmouth, over-tax on interest money,	8 14
C. L. Brown, for books for Wilson children,	42
A. Webber, for over-tax in 1864, 1865, 1866,	11 38
C. L. Dudley, re-enlisted volunteer,	220 00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationary,	10 53
M. Dunlap, for turning spokes,	2 00
A. B. Boin, for looking up lumber,	1 25
Levi Dow, for guide post,	75
S. Moore, damage to field while at work on F. hill,	3 00
order on collector for over-tax,	14 43
T. L. Whidden, wood, and taking care of town house,	3 00
" " postage stamps and envelopes,	3 00
Wm. P. & Mary P. Whidden, use of money,	4 00
Eastman & Cross, attorney fee,	3 00
T. S. Tucker, for boarding D. Randall,	6 00

 \$467 79

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Z. Smith, snowing bridge,	\$6 00
A. Clough, bridge plank,	15 75
H. L. Clough, snowing bridge,	5 00
Putnam & Hall, spikes for bridge,	2 08
John F. Lake, repairing bridge,	19 76
D. W. Morrill, work on Fellows hill,	30 00
Samuel Morrill, " " "	83 88
J. M. McClintock, " " "	8 00
Thos. C. Chase, " " "	5 33
J. Sanders, for lumber, and work on bridge,	15 75
L. Colby, work on bridge,	3 50
D. Sanborn, lumber for bridge,	10 00
A. B. Whidden, work on road and bridges,	23 25
J. & J. C. Gage, for bridge plank,	18 48
Chas. Glines, work on bridge,	4 00
D. Morrill, lumber for bridges,	213 57
P. Ingalls, work on Hollow route road,	5 25
B. B. Nudd, drawing stone to Fisherville bridge,	5 30
Moses L. Ludlow, work on highway,	3 75
D. M. Clough, railing 36 rods highway,	16 50
T. L. Whidden, work on roads and bridges,	32 00
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	\$527 15

School Money.

District No. 1, A. Blanchard,	\$158 08
2, John F. Lake,	88 55
3, Lowell Beck,	93 17
4, J. S. Dow,	128 34
5, Myron C. Foster,	88 92
6, Moses C. Lyford,	142 58
7, C. L. Brown,	217 95
8, Robert Shepard,	144 72
9, A. I. Ingalls,	40 39
10, E. D. Clough,	72 44
11, Joseph Heath,	44 02
12, John Wheeler,	71 90
G. W. Neal, school money for Loudon,	9 46

\$1,327 52

Notes Paid.

John Lyford,	\$128 99
George Scales,	100 00
Wm. H. Carter,	325 00
Moody J. Boise,	575 31
George H. Gleason,	576 08
Roxanna James,	51 81
Jane Haines,	25 00
S. P. Fowler,	1,054 63
T. C. Smith,	412 75
J. A. Lougee,	307 82
B. F. Heleman, on C. Randall's note,	400 00
C. W. Colby,	677 53
Mary P. Whidden,	30 15
Wm. P. Whidden.	12 00
Royal Scales,	50 00
Sarah Bradley,	83 68
Andrew Moody,	124 81
Ruth Chase,	935 46
S. Morrill, Guardian,	40 00
Jas. Ayers,	300 00
J. E. Kimball,	302 52
J. W. Ham,	234 40
T. K. Mason,	482 15
R. Fellows,	45 00
B. E. Pillsbury,	235 76
J. C. Elliott,	100 00
D. M. Clough,	709 45
James Sanborn,	252 89
Treasurer of Cong. Society,	398 00
J. Parker, on A. Parker's note,	125 00
Charles P. Haynes,	48 00
B. S. Morrill,	70 00
W. Y. Hill,	206 23
J. H. Irvin,	1,142 69
Wm. H. Plummer,	56 15
J. S. Moore, on M. C. Lyford's note,	75 00
D. Randall, jr.,	18 45
Samuel Hill,	350 73
Olwyn W. Dow,	112 00
Benj. Whidden,	100 00
John E. Forrest,	25 00
P. Whidden,	25 00

H. A. Clough, on C. W. Smith's note,	71 81
John Ingalls,	59 00
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	\$11,469 99

Town Officers.

L. T. Weeks, town clerk,	\$20 00
Geo. Scales, constable,	10 20
T. L. Whidden, selectman,	123 45
T. L. Whidden, treasurer,	25 00
" " " board of selectmen,	47 00
S. M. Clifford, selectman,	67 11
J. C. Sanborn, selectman,	47 87
Auditors,	4 00
Cyrus G. Brown, collector,	117 26
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	\$461 89

Superintending School Committee.

Jonathan Ayers,	\$48 50
Howard Moody,	55 00
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	\$103 50

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous expenses,	\$467 79
Roads and bridges,	527 15
School money,	1,327 52
Notes paid,	11,469 33
Town officers,	461 89
Superintending school committee,	103 50
State and county tax,	4,793 06
Non-resident highway receipts,	51 18
Taxes paid in other towns and given in,	43 42
Doubtful taxes,	105 90
Due on pauper account,	819 25
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	\$20,169 99

Taxes Paid in other towns and Given In.

Fortune, Lewis, moved away,	\$7 72
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French, Samuel, dead,	5 10
Heath, Joseph S.	5 10
Tucker, Joseph, dead,	5 10
Hill, Edmund D., paid in Franklin,	5 10
Lake, George W., paid in Northfield,	5 10
Hilliard, Hiram A. B., paid in Loudon,	5 10
Mason, Charles, paid in Loudon,	5 10

\$43 42

Financial Condition of the Town, March 1, 1867.

Jane Haines, note including interest,	\$172 88
Polly Gilman, " " "	167 74
Lydia French, " " "	341 70
Jas. S. Elkins, " " "	1,724 47
" " " Treasurer 1st F. W. B. Society,	883 48
Marden & Elkins,	1,132 24
Mittie C. Clough,	24 86
Betsey S. Morrill,	482 23
David Morrill,	255 51
John Glines,	370 55
Parsons Whidden,	304 52
True K. Mason,	145 25
Abigail Parker,	132 60
Harriet C. Brown,	411 51
Sarah Hancock,	133 17
Marstin M. Tallant,	303 95
Samuel M. Thompson,	725 57
Jesse D. Sanborn,	1,848 85
Melinda Hoag,	362 30
Nathaniel Pallett,	241 38
Sally Forrest,	179 21
Wm. P. Whidden,	206 83
Mary P. Widden,	527 50
Charles Gile,	181 03
Wm. Jones,	321 71
Mary Whitney,	831 47
Sally B. Sanborn,	30 13
Jeremiah C. Elliot,	549 18
Ann M. Brown,	361 16
Eliza R. Randall,	30 07
Joseph Ayers,	71 03
Joseph Graham,	862 86

Sarah Graham,	120 28
John W. Bouilet,	120 28
Sally Bean,	533 69
Eliza E. Colby,	154 31
David A. Morrill,	354 95
Hiram Cilley,	118 25
David M. Clough,	1,182 50
Freeman Webster,	590 82
William F. Sargent,	88 14
Abel B. Boise,	133 87
Ann M. Cochran,	930 78
Marcia E. Forrest,	143 00
John E. Forrest,	758 23
Henry L. Elliott,	463 88
Jedediah Sanders,	168 85
Ephraim Plummer,	1,157 86
John C. Smith,	462 71
Henry H. Clough,	1,153 97
Charles P. Haynes,	823 93
Wm. H. Carter,	41 06
Polly Swasey,	651 91
Napoleon B. Dearborn,	831 89
Isaac K. Wells,	921 79
Joseph W. Ham,	409 27
Joseph Heath,	169 01
E. A. M. Hill,	176 50
Alice B. Chase,	531 16
Mary Colby,	230 14
Mary E. Lyford,	230 06
John Lyford,	128 73
Dan W. Morrill,	598 50
Lizzie C. Morse,	166 64
Laroy F. Morse,	106 00
Joseph C. Wyatt,	281 88
Daniel M. Huse,	568 35
Morrill Moore,	56 82
George W. Scales,	234 51
Mary J. Randall,	33 94
Lowell Beck,	225 72
David Randall, jr.,	40 40
George B. Colby,	224 72
Stephen Wiggin,	112 36
Abigail Garland,	567 23

Wm. H. Plummer,	224 01
Cyrus G. Brown,	112 01
Franklin Kenison,	335 49
Charles H. Chase,	780 49
John Ingalls,	243 85
Hannah Young,	144 18
Moses C. Lyford,	201 20
Reuben Fellows,	174 24
Lydia C. Pitman,	109 78
Sarah Dyball,	542 84
Charles Jones,	325 26
Nathan Emery, Guardian,	199 72
Jamima Heath,	43 46
Chellis Sargent,	126 67
Jonathan Randall,	1,588 39
Rachel Wyatt,	310 36
Samuel Wyatt,	53 35
Royal Scales,	107 24
Oliver W. Dow,	100 22
Mary Ann Glines,	39 91
Hannah Choat,	97 68
Henry L. Clough,	208 50
Edwin D. Clough,	326 37
Winthrop Y. Hill,	50 97
Nancy M. Hill,	191 77
Hazen J. Batchelder,	417 60
Rufus Boynton,	232 34
Lydia Carter,	69 14
Sarah E. York,	186 39
Benmon Clark,	465 97
Benjamin Whidden,	158 24
Betsey McClintock,	205 00
N. S. Batchelder,	407 53
James M. McClintock,	67 44
E. P. Dyball, jr.,	101 00
Mary C. Tallant,	100 50
Nancy Morrill,	150 17
Nathaniel H. Dow,	230 15
Daniel Sanborn,	628 60
Daniel B. Sanborn,	236 15

\$41,609 91



Liabilities of the town, literary fund not included,	\$41,609 91
Due from S. S. Davis, collector for 1865,	\$360 28
C. G. Brown, " " 1866,	1,732 79
Amount in treasury,	3,410 60
Due from F. Chase,	16 55
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	\$5,520 22
Indebtedness of town, exclusive of literary fund,	\$36,089 69
Amount of literary fund,	\$1,232 07

PAUPER REPORT.

Receipts.

Received on S. Battis' bill,	\$8 37
E. E. Wilson's bill,	5 00
T. S. Tucker's " "	4 50
of the city of Concord, for E. Wilson,	97 76
of Merrimack county,	223 97
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	\$339 60

Expenditures.

Paid for Gordon S. Ingalls,	\$52 00
J. B. Bland,	3 00
John Glover and wife,	20 00
Charles C. Haskell,	10 00
Peter S. Tucker,	19 14
Polly Ash,	6 00
M. & L. Burdeen,	62 60
Sampson Battis and wife,	52 47
E. Wilson and family,	97 76
Mary French,	211 62
Emma G. Young,	36 00
Samuel French,	14 50
Lucy M. French,	68 72
Joseph S. Heath,	11 50
R. Shaw's child,	5 00
S. A. Whitney and children,	106 90
John Burdeen and wife,	108 29
Harper Morrill,	215 10
L. T. Weeks, medical services,	10 00

T. L. Whidden, pauper services,	46 25
Anna Moore,	2 00
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Expenditures,	\$1,158 85
Receipts,	339 60
Due T. L. Whidden, on pauper account, which is passed to his credit on cash book,	<hr/> \$819 25

THOMAS L. WHIDDEN, } *Selectmen*
 S. M. CLIFFORD } *of*
 JOSEPH C. SANBORN, } *Canterbury.*

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1866, have examined said accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD OSGOOD, } *Auditors.*
 JAMES S. ELKINS, }

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee, in making their annual report, believe that it will be agreeable to the inhabitants of the town, that we should be as brief as a general view of the state of the schools will allow, together with a few suggestions in respect to improvements.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The amount of money applied to the support of schools is \$1,308 ; \$908 was the sum required to be raised by law, to which \$300 was added by vote of the town, and \$100 from the railroad tax and literary fund.

WAGES.

The average wages of female teachers per month, in summer and winter, including board, as near as can be ascertained from the imperfect state of the registers, is \$17.00 ; males \$35.00 per month, including board.

TEACHERS.

Eighteen different teachers have been employed. Fifteen were females and three were males. Eight of the females belong in town and seven out of town. The three male teachers were from other towns, making ten teachers from abroad. Most of the teachers sustained themselves well, on their examination, and were successful in their respective schools, with one exception.

SCHOOLS.

Twenty-two terms have been taught, leaving but two districts that had but one term each. No. 10 had no Winter school and No. 12 had no Summer school. All the other districts had two terms each. All the schools, with one exception, have made commendable progress in the various branches taught, thus evincing the competency and fidelity of the teachers, and the general interest felt by

the scholars in their studies. The Winter school in District No 4 was a failure. The teacher, in his remarks in his register, assigns the cause to politics. As none of the parents, in the district, visited the school during the term, with the exception of the Prudential Committee, we are inclined to think that the principal cause of the failure was in the want of co-operation on the part of the parents with the teacher. It should be remarked here, to the credit of the teachers on the one hand, and to the larger scholars on the other, that no instance of insubordination on the part of the larger scholars has occurred in any school taught by a lady. And we think that the schools taught by the gentlemen, two of whom were very good teachers, might have been taught with equal success by well-qualified ladies.

BOOKS.

We have introduced no new school books and have recommended no change. A sufficient number of books has been found in the schools, but we regret that there is a want of uniformity in some of the schools. A number of different text-books in the same branch of study causes much loss of time, by increasing the number of classes. The only certain remedy for this evil would be for the town to furnish all the books, placing a sufficient number in each school-house under lock and key, to be let out by teachers as scholars needed.

THE COMMISSIONER.

The School Commissioner made us a flying visit of one day, visiting two schools and delivering a lecture in the evening. This visit was worth more than it cost, but more was needed. So short a visit is not equitable, inasmuch as a large number of the schools could derive no benefit from it. It is our belief, that if the town would appropriate a small sum of money, to be employed by the Superintending Committee in a session of one week in the spring, and another in the fall, for the examination of teachers, and requiring them to give a certificate to no one who could not stand such an examination, the schools would soon show the benefit of such an arrangement. We claim that such examinations would be more beneficial to our schools than Teachers' Institutes were, from the fact that very few of our teachers ever attended Teachers' Institutes.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS.

The Superintending Committee have visited the schools

way of their duty, about fifty times. But their supervision to this extent is by no means sufficient. An interest so important as that of educating the rising generation, demands much parental supervision. No parent should complain of a teacher whose school he has not visited. In conclusion, we recommend:

1. That the inhabitants of the several districts resolve that they will be united in aiming to have the best schools possible. However you may be divided in sentiment on other matters, on this you should be a unit.

2. Select your most judicious, disinterested and faithful men for prudential committees—men who will spare no pains to look up, seasonably, the most approved teachers. And when, by actual trial, you have found a good teacher, secure his or her services for many successive terms. The constant change of teachers is quite an obstacle in the way of improvement.

3. As most of the schools in town are now small, we recommend that contiguous districts agree to arrange the time of their school term, so that scholars in one district should have the privilege of attending the other, and vice versa. This would give double the amount of schooling to such districts as would thus unite.

4. As a matter of economy, keep your school-houses in good condition, by a liberal application of lime and paint; making both the interior and exterior pleasant and attractive. This will tend to preserve them from the weather and from boys who are much inclined to hasten the destruction of those which are in a state of dilapidation.

H. MOODY, } *Superintending*
JONA. AYRES, } *School Committee.*

Camden, March 1, 1867.